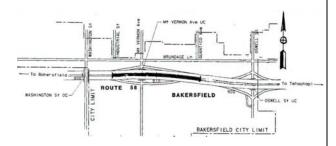
PPNo 3463 EA 06-OA510K PROJECT TITLE

TREE PLANTING ON STATE HIGHWAY 58 NEAR BAKERSFIELD



Project Location: SR 58 IN BAKERSFIELD

Co/Rte/KP/PM: Ker-58 KP R89.6/R91.1 PM R55.7/R56.6

Project Description: This project will be a Tree Planting enhancement along State Route 58, Bakersfield.

Project Scope: This project will provide landscaping with 1000 native or climatically appropriate trees, an irrigation system, and a 3 year Plant Establishment period.

Existing Funding: IIP: \$1,041,000

RIP: \$0 Other: \$0

Future Funding Need: \$0

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,041,000

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

Start Environmental Studies July 2004 Draft Environmental Document Sept 2004 Final Environmental Doc(PA&ED)Dec2004 Begin Design Engineering Dec 2004 Plans, Specifications, and Cost Estimates complete Oct 2005 Start Right of Way Acquisition n/a Right of Way Certification Oct 2005 Ready to List Dec 2005 Advertise Feb 2006 Approve Construction Contract Feb 2006 Project Completion(open for use) Feb 2010

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Need:

The "Metropolitan Bakersfield Freeway Beautification Master Plan Design Guidelines" identifies Route 58 as an important corridor for travel between Barstow and Route 99, as well as its importance as one of the gateways for the City of Bakersfield. Residents of this community as well as numerous civic groups have expressed interest in receiving aesthetic enhancements to their community in the form of highway planting. There has also been much concern voiced regarding the extensive area of Caltrans right of way that is void of any landscape.

Project Purpose:

This project will provide important screening of industrial areas as well as providing form to the Mt. Vernon interchange. Also, the tree plantings will provide an important connection to the currently landscaped areas thereby providing some aesthetics for the traveler and community residents.